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Re: Amended Notice to Commence Small Mining Operations, Alva Rockwell, J Rock 1-4 Project, S/037/091, San Juan County, Utah

Dear Mr. McDougall:

Thank you for forwarding the Notice for Alva Rockwell's J Rock 1-4 project, located in the NE/4 S/2 of Section 3, T30S, R21E, San Juan County, Utah. Your agency's designated number for this project is UTU-72567. Activities proposed by this notice include bulk sampling and drilling several holes 100-200 feet deep. No road building or structures are proposed under this notice. The total surface disturbance for the J Rock 1-4 project is estimated not to exceed 1/2 acre.

The project described by this notice appears to be within two miles of the Golden Horse #2 project (Hart's Draw) located in Section 1, T30S R21E, also proposed by Alva Rockwell. Under the Division's policy for neighboring and related sites all operations lying within a two mile radius which are under the same operator are considered to be related. Therefore, this operation will be treated by the Division as an amendment to the existing notice for the Golden Horse #2 project (UTU-72565). We will place the notice for the J Rock 1-4 project under our file number S/037/091. Because this latest notice is considered to be an amendment to the previous notice, the total cumulative disturbance allowed by the Division at these sites is five acres. An approved Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operation is required by the Division prior to disturbing more than five acres.

The Division has evaluated the above mentioned Notice under the Small Mining Operation section of our Rules. The Notice satisfies the requirements of Rule R647-3 of the 1988 Division of Oil, Gas and Mining Minerals Rules, and Title 40-8, *et seq.*, of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975. We have received a copy of the BLM March 4, 1996, letter to Mr. Rockwell accepting the Notice as complete. The BLM letter stated a cultural



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clearance is still required for most of the project area. A cultural clearance is granted for the proposed area of bulk sampling.

It is understood that the Division will notify your office of any permitting concerns we may have, and in turn, your office, acting as "Lead Agency" will notify the operator accordingly. In this case, since the BLM has already sent a completeness letter (dated March 4, 1996), we will send a copy of this letter with a copy of page three of our Small Mining Operation Notice of Intention form titled "IV. Operation and Reclamation Practices" to the operator. By accepting this Notice, the Division expects the operator to comply with the practices listed on this page. If the operator cannot comply with these practices, then a variance request must be provided to the Division. This request would include the particular practice which the operator cannot comply with and an explanation describing the reasons why they cannot comply. A variance request is not required for the practices which refer to features which are nonexistent at the project site.

If you receive further information or amendments for this operation, please notify us so we can update our files. Please reference our designated file number S/037/091 when forwarding additional information on this project to us. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

Sincerely,



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